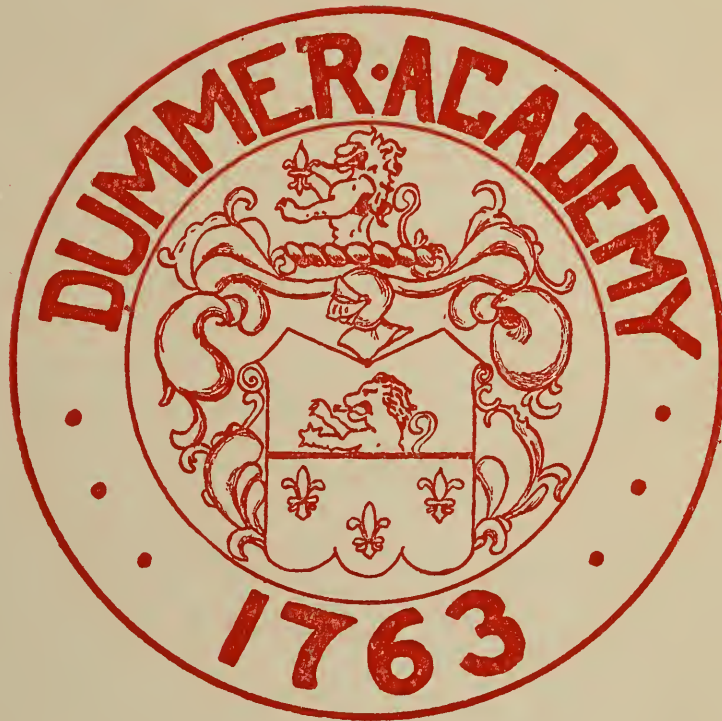


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Now that football is over, we once again settle back, put on our spectacles and take up our books. Although the season did not start out very successfully, it improved greatly towards the last, and has, no doubt, been the best for the last five or six years. It will not be long, however, until we have the first track meet. For the last two weeks the triangle has been kept warm by the track candidates, and the prospects for a relay team certainly look good. Kramer, last year's captain, and re-elected again this year, is beating his old record. We are counting on "Ducky" Drake to hold up his end again this year, while Nutter and Reynolds are showing fine form.

Manager Nutter has arranged for a relay race, with Amesbury High School, to be run here at Dummer on December seventeenth, and is trying to get one with Newburyport High. Later the team expects to enter the B. A. A. meet. Coach Fred Goodwin is working hard to make this year's team a good one.

The prospects for basketball and hockey, however, are not so encouraging. Manager Woodward is the only man back from last year's basketball team. But there are quite a few new

men out, and it is hoped that a team will be organized.

The Harvard club of Newburyport has arranged an annual debate between Dummer Academy and the Newburyport High school. The debate will be held in May next at the Newburyport High school, and the subject of the debate will be, "Resolved, that a period of regular military training should be required of all American young men." Dummer Academy is to have the affirmative and Newburyport the negative side of the discussion. A cup, with the names of the boys taking part will be given by the Harvard club to the school winning the debate and this cup is to remain in the school's possession until the other school wins. The cup is to be given permanently to the school which first wins the debate three years. Three picked boys are to represent each school and the judges of the debate will be appointed annually by the Harvard club and the subjects to be picked by the publicity committee of that club and the two head masters of the schools. The debates are to be held annually in the month of May, alternately in each school until the cup is permanently awarded to one school or the other.



• LITERARY •

A GERMAN TORPEDO.

It was about nine o'clock in the evening, and the "Nina," all lights out, was steaming through the sea at fifteen knots. She was a passenger boat running between South Africa and London, and at this time she was a few miles south of the mouth of the Thames.

Branford, the chief operator of the "Nina's" wireless equipment, was leaning on the port rail, talking to one of the watch. He had just come off duty and was very tired. The watch soon walked forward, and Branford dropped into a deck chair, tossed his cigar butt overboard and yawned deeply.

Just then a tearing, seething sound reached his ears. It sounded like an object ploughing through the surface of the water at a terrific speed, coming from over the port quarter and growing steadily louder. An instant later there came a tremendous roar and the whole port side seemed to be torn from the rest of the ship.

"A torpedo!" shouted Branford, as he rushed toward the wireless cabin.

When he arrived, the young, inexperienced operator was leaning out of a port hole trying to see what had happened. Branford sprang to the instrument board and slammed down a ponderous switch at his right, pulled on the receivers hastily and awaited the orders of the captain. A minute later he grasped the telegraph key. His hand trembling at first, but when

he thought of the number of lives at stake, he became calm and steady.

He began sending out the S. O. S. distress signals, followed by the ship's call letters, A. N. P.

"S. O. S.—S. O. S.—S. O. S.—A. N. P."

He jerked the big switch upward with an impetuous yank and listened. He had not long to wait for pretty soon "ANP — ANP — ANP — XYL" —came hurtling through space.

XYL was another English boat not far away. Branford sent out the necessary information, such as position, trouble and number aboard, and then listened for orders from the bridge, and as he sat there he became aware of a settling sensation.

"The ship must be sinking on the port side," he thought.

Soon it seemed as though the instruments were almost on top of him, so heavily did the "Nina" lurch over.

All at once a loud "buzz-buzz" was heard in the receiver, and he found that the XYL was at hand. He again threw over the big switch and grasped madly at the key, but alas—no response, the engines were flooded and the current had stopped flowing. What could he do to make the XYL find the fast sinking ship in the dark—what could he do? What could he do?

The water was already seeping through into the cabin and—Ooooah—Oooo—toot, followed by the hiss of escaping steam.

Branford jumped up, only to find

himself at the rail where an hour before he was chatting to the watchman. The "Nina" was outside the harbor blowing for tugs and a pilot.

"Heavens! what a dream," exclaimed Branford, yawning and rubbing his eyes. D. S. L., '17.

CY PRINGLE'S DETECTIVE EXPERIENCE

Cy Pringle, a farmer of moderate means and sanguine temperament was sitting in the dining room of his country estate, as he called it, reading the Byfield Gazette. Dropping his paper, he leaned back in his chair and gave vent to his feelings.

"Gosh!" he exclaimed with wonderful energy.

His wife, Maria Ann Pringle, who was engaged in the duties of the kitchen, heard her husband's exclamation.

"Well, Cy, what scheme have you got into that skull of yours now?" she asked. "Not another patent cider bottle or improved cow milker, I hope."

"Well now, come to think it over, perhaps if you would stop rattling them dishes, you could hear me talk," returned her husband. "There's five hundred dollars reward for the capture of George Kent on the charges of burglary and arson. He's supposed to be hidden in the woods hereabout. His description is: tall figure, blue eyes, smooth talker, and pretends to be religious."

"Well now, Maria, I know a thing or two about this here detective stuff, I reckon I can find this here feller."

"Yes," sighed his wife. "Just like you found the feller that sold you the gold bricks and the deeds to the Brooklyn Bridge last time you went to New York."

Cy, who by this time was thoroughly angered, picked up a hoe and went off to his potato patch.

Two hours later, Maria, who was cooking fried cakes, was spoken to by a well-dressed young man who asked for some cakes.

"Certainly," replied Maria as she scanned the man.

"Ah, the good Lord will bless thee," murmured the person between bites.

"Ah ha!" said Maria to herself, "Tall figure, blue eyes, smooth talker, pretends to be religious."

Now how was she to lock this man up.

"Dear sir," she asked, "would you please put these cakes in the cellar?"

"Certainly," replied the man.

As he entered the cellar, Maria closed the door and locked it. She then ran for her husband who was in the field.

"I got it, I've got it," she cried as she neared him.

"Got what, a fit?" asked Cy.

"No! the burglar," she returned.

When they got home Cy sent Maria to Newburyport, some four miles distant, for the sheriff.

Maria didn't return till evening and said that the sheriff was away but that he would come when he got back.

Cy did not sleep, but sat by the door of the cellar with his shot gun.

Morning came and Cy started for the town in search of a sheriff. Half way there he met the deacon.

"Well, you're a good Christian," the deacon exploded. "Keepin' the new minister in your cellar all night."

"What! You're crazy," returned Cy.

"Crazy nothing; read this," retorted the deacon.

It was a telegram from the sheriff.

"I have the prisoner. You've made a mistake.—Jock Pettingill, Sheriff."

Cy's five hundred dollar falls.

"Well," says Cy slowly, "I'll fix him up."

At home Cy let the minister out, gave him fifteen dollars for the heathen, and went to work.

About an hour later the sheriff rode in and after a hurried talk left.

"Say, Maria," asked Cy, "will you hit me with a board?"

"Why, Cy, what's the matter?" she asked.

"Wall," began Cy, "the sheriff had the minister and I had the burglar."

D. B. F.



THE FOOTBALL BANQUET.

On Friday, November nineteenth, Dummer Academy held its annual football banquet. The dining hall was decorated with the school colors, red and white, and the tables set in a most attractive manner.

The "march of events," as our Solid teacher says, began with the dinner itself. An excellent meal was served, after which Doctor Ingham in a short address gave his opinion of what the football season had done for the fellows as a whole. He brought out the fact that one gets out of a sport just what he puts into it, and that systematic training, selfdenial, and the criticism received during the season are reflected in the attitude of the fellows toward school and work.

Then after thanking Mr. Nagle for his hard struggle in making a football team out of a bunch of raw material, and reading several interesting telegrams, he gave the floor to Mr. Bentley.

Mr. Bentley gave us an extremely interesting talk on the first days of football, closed formations, and his experience with the "flying wedge." Captain Nutter next said a few words, thanking the team for their efforts during the season, and ended by pre-

senting Mr. Nagle with a gold watch and chain "from the team in token of their appreciation."

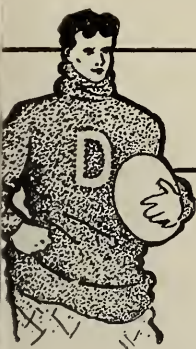
Mr. Nagle's acceptance and address to the team was most interesting. He gave a short summary of the season's work, what the team had accomplished, its difficulties, and the spirit the players had shown, during victory and defeat. He then presented the following with "D's," with the most fitting remarks concerning each: Bartlett, Brown, Brush, Drake, Ferguson, Fuller, Kramer, Laucks, Mills, Nutter, Reynolds, and Woodward.

Mr. Farrell presented the second team with "D 2nd" and the Junior team with "D Jr." With cheers for the captain and members of the team, the coach, Dr. Ingham, and others, and a speech by Laucks on the subject of "Hope," the banquet came to a close.

THANKSGIVING DANCE.

On Saturday evening, November twentieth, the Thanksgiving dance was held. It was the second dance of the season, and although there were not as many present as at the first dance, everybody seemed to have as good a

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ATHLETICS

DUMMER 7; IPSWICH 6.

On November 17 we played our last and big game of the season against Ipswich on their own grounds. After the hardest kind of football, we won the game. The whole Ipswich delegation marched on the field, led by a band, and it was rumored that they expected to beat us by a large score.

Nutter lost the toss, so we kicked to them. Knowles kicked off and he succeeded in booting the ball over their goal line. It was brought back to their twenty-yard line and the game started. After gains by Wendell and Bruce through our right side, they rushed the ball up to our ten-yard line, and after being held for two downs, Bruce carried the ball over for a touchdown. Wendell missed the goal, leaving the score 6-0. We received the kick and after taking the ball thirty yards Nutter punted and the first period ended.

The second period was hotly fought by both sides, but little was gained by either.

We started out the second half in earnest. Nutter and Brush ran the ball down the field, and by a fake formation, the former ran twenty-five yards for a touchdown. Brush kicked a pretty goal from a difficult angle, making the score 7-6 in our favor.

In the last period we had the ball on their four-yard line, but failed to push it over. They got the ball and attempted several open plays but Mills recovered a forward pass, and the game ended before we could cover much ground.

The backfields of both teams played well, while Fuller and Woodward upheld Dummer's line.

The line-up was as follows:

Mills, le re, Nason
Fuller, lt. rt, Lange
Kramer, lg. rg, Perkins
Bartlett, c. c, Reilly
Knowles, Laucks, rg. lg, Todd
Reynolds, rt. lt, Norman
Woodward, re. le, Irvine
Nutter, qb. qb, Sunette
Brush, lhb. rhb, Bruce
Brown, Leavitt, rhb. lhb, Wendell
Ferguson, fb. fb, Bamford

Touchdowns: Nutter, Bruce. Goal, Brush. Umpire, Evans. Referee, Mitchell. Linesman, Millard. Time, two 15-minute and two 10-minute periods.

DUMMER 33; SANBORN ACADEMY 0

On November 10 the football team motored up to Kingston, N. H., thanks to "Ben" Pearson and members of the faculty, and rolled up a score of thirty-three to nothing on the Sanborn Academy fellows.

The weather for the game was fine except for a stiff wind which blew down the field. Captain Nutter lost the toss, and we were forced to kick to them against the wind. They soon lost the ball on a fumble, and then by some line shift plays, Nutter took the ball through skin tackle for a touchdown. We kicked off to them again, and this time they lost the ball on downs and after a few good gains by Brush, Nutter made a thirty-five yard end run for a touchdown. Brush kicked the goal, and the period ended.

In the next period we scored another touchdown which was made by Brush. The first half ended with the score 19 to 0 in our favor. The team seemed to have more fight than ever, but Brush fumbled and this cost us the

possession of the ball for a few minutes. But Kramer blocked a forward, and recovered the ball for us. Then after a line plunge by Ferguson and several gains by Brush and Brown, Nutter cut loose for a forty-five yard run through center for the third down. Brush kicked the goal. The last touch-down was made by Nutter and the goal was kicked by Brush. The last period proved that our team played a strong defensive game, for after being penalized half the distance of the field, bringing the play to our five-yard line we held them for three downs. The backfield played a fine game, while Fuller, Kramer, and Woodward were fast in breaking up plays. The quarterback and left end of our opponents played a very strong game.

The line-up for Dummer was as follows:

Mills, le.
Fuller, lt.
Kramer, Rowe, lg.
Bartlett, c.
Laucks, rg.
Reynolds, rt.
Woodward, re.
Nutter, qb.
Brush, lhb.
Brown, rhb.
Ferguson, fb.

Time of periods: Two twelve and two fifteen minute periods.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

The enrollment for this year so far is sixty-five fellows. Although the majority of fellows are from Massachusetts, the school is represented from all parts of the globe. The following are the states and countries represented:

Massachusetts—49.
New York—3.
Connecticut—2.
New Hampshire—2.
Ohio—1.
New Jersey—1.

Pennsylvania—1.
Rhode Island—1.
China—2.
Spain—1.
Mexico—2.

From those who have decided on their college, we get the following list:

Yale—10.
Harvard—10.
Dartmouth—7.
Cornell—6.
M. I. T.—4.
Amherst Agg.—3.
Anapolis—2.
West Point—2.
Brown—1.
Amherst—1.
Univ. of Penn.—1.

THANKSGIVING DANCE

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time. The committee spent much time in decorating the hall, and with the "cozy corner," Japanese lanterns, a full moon, and countless banners, it presented a very attractive appearance.

The committee was composed of "Stew" Brush, "Bob" Nutter, and "Clink" Reynolds. Jordan's orchestra of Newburyport furnished the music and brought out the latest pieces. Punch was always "on tap" and at eleven-thirty the dance ended with "Everybody Happy." The next dance will be held on December 11th.

A. M. B. '17.

JUNIOR CLASS ORGANIZED.

The first meeting of the Junior class was held in the school library, Monday, November 29, 1915.

The following fellows make up the class: Beaver, J. Smith, Reynolds, Johnstone, Brown, Lacroix, A. Pino-Suarez, Ruiz, Kramer.

The first business brought up was the election of officers. Beaver was

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EXCHANGES.

It would be a great convenience to the exchange editors as well as to the readers in general, if more papers would place their addresses on the cover, or in some place where it can be found more readily. About the only place that some of them can be found is in their advertisements.

There is, however, a great deal of room for improvement in most of the exchange columns. Only about half of the editors have their list of exchanges arranged in alphabetical order. It may not matter much to the majority of readers whether they are mixed up or not, but it does to the exchange editors.

And furthermore, if a paper does not wish to criticize all its exchanges it would accommodate fellow editors if a full list of exchanges received were published. We all like to know whether or not our papers have reached their destination.

We have received the following this month:

Apokeepsian — Poughkeepsie High School, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
 Academy Journal, The — Norwich, Conn.
 Breeze, The—Ashburnham, Mass.
 Buzzer, The—Avalon High School, Avalon, Pa.
 Coburn, The—Waterville, Maine.
 Comus, The—Zanesville, Ohio.
 Clarion, The—Arlington High School, Arlington, Mass.
 Croaker, The—Owatoma, Minnesota.
 Dragon, The—Edward Lee McClain High School, Greenfield, Ohio.
 Eltrurian, The—Haverhill High School, Haverhill, Mass.

Early Trainer, The—Lawrence, Mass.
 Echo, The—Hazleton High School, Hazleton, Pa.
 Greenleaf, The—Caraopolis High School, Caraopolis, Pittsburgh.
 Graphic, The—Amherst High School, Amherst, Mass.
 Garnet and White, The—West Chester, Pa.
 Hernnica, The—Red Wing, Minn.
 Hill Top, The—Dickinson High School, Jersey City.
 High School News, The—Geneva High School, Geneva, N. Y.
 Junto, The—
 La Sell Leaves, The—Auburndale, Boston.
 Lyceum, The—Chillicothe High School, Chillicothe, Ohio.
 Mirror, The—Pratt Central High School, Pratt, Kansas.
 Massachusetts Collegian, The—Amherst, Mass.
 Messenger, The—The Wincheta High School, Wincheta, Kansas.
 Mirror, The—Sharon, Penn.
 Mirror, The—West Hoboken, N. J.
 Mirror, The—Bethlehem, Pa.
 Orange and Blue, The—Millville High School, Millville, N. J.
 Oread, The—Rutland, Vt.
 Oracle, The—Abington High School, Abington, Mass.
 Orange and Blue, The—Union High School, Union, N. J.
 Oak Lily and Ivy, The—Milford High School, Milford, Mass.
 Periscope, The—Perham, Minn.
 Phillips Exeter Academy, The—Exeter, N. H.
 Purple Pennant, The—Cortland, N. Y.
 Pinkerton Critic, The — Pinkerton

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LOCALS

Mr. Thomas (in his lecture on the Passion Play): "And the blacksmith led the chorus." (Anvil, no doubt.)

Mr. Bentley to Laucks (after the football banquet): "Laucks, there was no other speech of the evening that compared with yours."

Laucks: "Yours was pretty good, too."

Spencer (translating French): "An organ with resplendent shafts dressed itself in the gallery."

Along with the Ordway suit, we hear that Drake has filed a suit against the shadow on his upper lip for breach of promise."

Laucks (to his lady friend sitting next to him in the Andover-Exeter game): "Oh, yes, I play on the Dummer football team."

She: "They must be short of players."

We understand that Flanders has completed the blue prints for his egg-rejuvenator. Ask "Fat" to explain to you his theory how one odor neutralizes with another.

Mr. Evans (in study hall, to Juniors): "I want it quiet in the nursery corner."

Mr. Lacroix: "Flanders, you get

your word order the way the Germans are getting it in the trenches." (Under shell fire.)

During the Thanksgiving vacation one of our beloved teachers was chased and captured by a pair of shears. (Question: Who was it?)

A fresh discussion on salt.

Spencer: "Salt is an acid, isn't it?"

Mr. Horne: "No. Salt is a salt."

Ferguson: "Sure salt is one of the three bases."

Spencer: "Well, anyway it tastes salty."

Mr. Nagle: "Laucks, did you ever drink any champagne?"

Laucks: "What do you mean, 'Jonnie Walker?'"

Dr. Ingham (talking about the dancing class): "I think if one goes on the floor, he should know how to dance. I have in mind a horrible example, who ought rather to be pushing a wheelbarrow." (??)

Ferguson (in English IV pronouncing exigencies): "Excellent cheese."

The following was posted on the door of the gym while it was being decorated for the coming dance: "Notice, keep out until after dance." (Evidently a large number was expected.)

Mr. Horne: "Pearson, how was it that you marked your paper ninety-five per cent., when each question counted seven?"

Pearson: "Well, that was sort of allowing for things, and looking them over."

Brush (translating German): "Herr Melchtal tritt ins Zimmer in Ritter Kleider." "Sir Melchtal walked into the room in knight clothes."

Bartlett (who had been carefully studying a fly on the ceiling for the last five minutes): "I thought this was in the afternoon."

Ferguson's ragtime hit: "When I was a dreamer and took Algebra III."

Mr. Lacroix: "Call the side of the equilateral triangle seven."

Flanders: "Which side do you mean?"

Laucks: "I saw a reindeer and two little cubs the other day."

Lacroix: "If you hold a tumbler over a spark cap and then inhale the ozone, it makes you feel lively."

Mr. Horne: "Better try it again, Lacroix."

Hickory, dickory, dock;

Laucks ran up to Doc.

Doc. said "nein"

And Laucks did whine,

Hickory, dickory, dock.

Spencer (translating French): "Vo-tre Cousine a la femme la plus heureuse que je connaisse." "Your cook is the happiest woman I know."

Laucks (to Mr. Horne, just after he had given out a lesson): "What did you say was the next lesson?"

Mr. Horne: "Were n't you listening?"

Laucks: "Yes, but I was a little dubious."

Mr. Horne (in Chemistry): "You should know these formulas so well that if they were flashed on a screen

for a moment, you would recognize them at once."

Drake: "That's easy enough, only you got to know them at first."

(N. B. More of Drake's logic.)

A crash is heard in the kitchen.

Flanders: "Somebody bent a plate."

Mr. Evans (to Ferguson, who was winding up his watch in study hall): "Do n't be fooling with that alarm clock."

Nutter (making an announcement at the table): "Those wishing football pictures will please sign before 9 o'clock—or after."

When the little ones in the Moody House get weary at night, Mr. Horne recites nursery rhymes to them.

For Sargent Hall I've looked in vain;
He's never, never there.
Why do they keep the old guy's name
Above the platform chair?

Hi-diddle-diddle, my Johnson
Comes to class with work undone;
No excuse, and work undone,
Hi-diddle-diddle, my Johnson.

Hi-diggle-figgle,
That eternal giggle,
At morning, at night, at noon.
Between every quaff,
You hear the Knights laugh,
At Charlie, the great buffoon.

Whitmans and Hales,
Whitmans and Hales;
Let a man teach,
If the marriage gag fails.

Bah-bah-Bartlett,
Have you any bull.
Yes sir, yes sir,
Three bags full.
One for the masters,
One for the dames,
One for in general
Instead of brains.

In French: As the birds grow older, they grow more beautiful.

Spencer: "Robins don't. They get all rusty."

Ferguson (in French): "She said—She said—"

Mr. Lacroix: "Well, let her say it."

"Peefus" Lacroix (translating Latin): "He decided that the ship should be led up on the beach." (Come Fido!)

Mr. Evans: "—yes, there were three."

Tweed: "There were only four of them."

Mr. Evans (almost exasperated): "If you fellows do n't understand this you can at least take the attitude of a sponge, and let it soak in."

Mr. Horne: "Brush, do you know the formula for nitric oxide?"

Brush: "N O."

EXCHANGES

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 Red and White, The—Mount Carmel, Penn.
 Rambler, The—The New York Military Academy, Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y.
 Review, The—Lowell High School, Lowell, Mass.
 Record, The—Louisville, Ky.
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 School Life, The—Metuchen, N. J.
 Sentinel, The—Whittier State School, Whittier, Cal.
 Senior, The—The Westerly High School, Westerly, R. I.
 Student, The—The Rochester Catholic High School, Rochester, N. Y.
 Shamokin, The—High School Review, Shamokin, Pa.
 Sphinx, The—High School, Little Falls,

N. J.

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The Greenleaf: Our suggestion is to have your pages cut apart before sending out.

The Messenger: A nicely gotten up paper, but why not use larger type?

The Oak Lily and Ivy: A good paper. Come again.

The Eltrurian: An excellent paper; the stories exceedingly good.

The Red and Black: A good, interesting paper. Hope to receive your next issue.

The Record: Excellent.

The Student: You are a very interesting paper indeed.

The Orange and Blue: Your paper is very good, but why so few exchanges on your list?

JUNIOR CLASS

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elected president, and Kramer, secretary and treasurer.

A second meeting was held Thursday, December 2, 1915. President Beaver decided that each fellow should make a deposit of 25 cents each month to help along the expenses of a Junior dance. The subject of class pins was brought up, and Reynolds and Johnstone were appointed to look after the matter.

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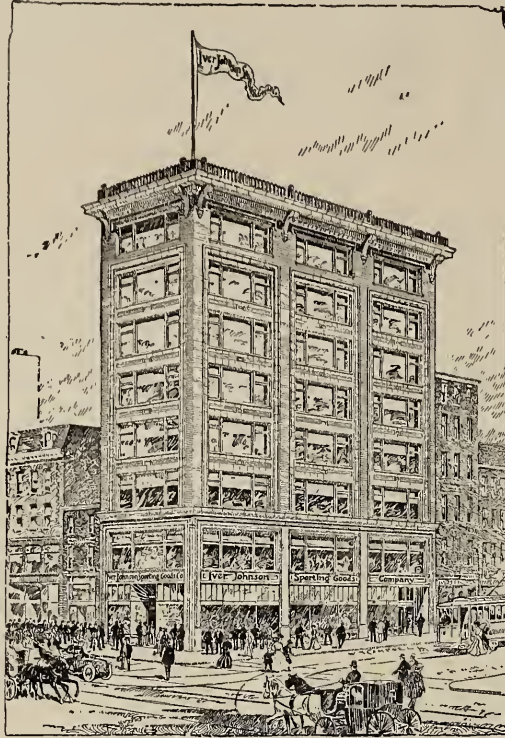
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